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1. IN SPEECH TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 12 AND AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 13, BONGO SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT GOG WILL NOT RECOGNIZE EITHER OF CONTENDING REGIMES IN ANGOLA BUT WILL WAIT UNTIL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF WHOLE COUNTRY CAN BE FORMED. PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HE WOULD RATHER BE "TEN YEARS LATE THAN THREE DAYS EARLY," AND PROMISED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OAU EFFORTS TO BRING END TO ANGOLAN CONFLICT.

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2. BONGO HAS TAKEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE OVER PAST

SEVERAL DAYS WITH REGARD TO SITUATION IN ANGOLA. SINCE SUNDAY, HE HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ZAIRE AND CAMEROON, OAU ASSISTANT SYG KAMANDA, AND MPLA DELEGATION, AND ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU ARRIVED MORNING NOVEMBER 13 FOR VISIT EXPECTED BE DEVOTED LARGELY TO ANGOLA. IN ADDITION, BONGO ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS INVITED CENTRAL AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE (OF ALL AF INFO ADDRESSEES THIS MESSAGE) TO SEND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS TO LIBREVILLE FOR CONFERENCE ON ANGOLAN SITUATION.

3. IN ADDITION THEIR REAFFIRMATIONS OF DETERMINATION WITHHOLD RECOGNITION IN ANGOLAN SITUATION UNTIL SINGLE GOVERNMENT EMERGES, BOTH BONGO AND MOBUTU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE TO REITERATE SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT CABINDA. MOBUTU ALSO USED OCCASION TO DENOUNCE NON-AFRICAN POWERS WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA AS PRINCIPAL CULPRITS IN STIMULATING ANGOLAN CIVIL STRIFE, WHILE BONGO ALLEGED THAT 11 COUNTRIES (INCLUDING GABON) WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE FNLA-UNITA GOVERNMENT BUT HAVE REFRAINED FROM DOING SO IN KEEPING WITH OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS. STEIGMAN

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